



## **Wilton Rotary Drummer**

**Wilton, Connecticut USA District 7980**

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***President Strickland presiding at Marly's, with 25 Rotarians in attendance.***

***Guests/Visitors: Tom Nipper from the Newtown Rotary Club***

### **Announcements/Upcoming Events:**

1. February is World Understanding Month which reflects the 4<sup>th</sup> Object of Rotary: International Service, which is the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service. Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> is World Understanding and Peace Day.
2. We have two February Rotarian birthdays; Don (9<sup>th</sup>) and Bob Mills (20<sup>th</sup>.)
3. The Annual Police Awards will be on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at Trackside. Bill Meehan is coordinating this event and will need volunteers to help the day of for set up and clean up.
4. End Polio Now District Fundraiser at Sound Tigers March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets are \$20, with 1/3 going to our club's polio account. Please see John for additional information.
5. What's Cooking in Wilton? The Chamber is sponsoring the first annual "Restaurant Week" from March 11-16. More details available at the Chamber Office.
6. Pat announced that the AEDs will be delivered shortly to Wilton Commons for installation prior to their April opening. He is also working on the Senior Protection Project, of which there are 40 seniors on the list.
7. Richard announced that 6 crafters have already signed up and that we need someone to chair the silent auction, which Patty has done for the past 10 years.
8. There is a board meeting on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at Fairfield County Bank at 5:30. Please note the time change.
9. Bill M. is working with the town on the Charles Jones Memorial Bench.
10. Please be thinking about a worthy recipient for a Paul Harris Fellow award to be given at our annual dinner.



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11. Rotary is different from other service organizations because of its focus on the Four Avenues of Service, which are Rotary's building blocks for a successful organization: Club Service, Community Service, Vocational Service and International Service.
12. Please consider giving to the Rotary Foundation. One of our club goals is "Every Rotarian Every Year."
13. Remember to bring a prospective new member to a meeting.
14. Check our club website for news and member photos.

**Next Week's Program: Chris Swan, CL&P**

**Today's Program: Our speaker today was Jennifer Herring, President and CEO of The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk. The Aquarium, which is celebrating its Silver Anniversary, was founded in 1988 to be a fun and an educational resource for children and adults as well. Establishing the aquarium was made possible by a \$30 million dollar bonding by the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency and by the Norwalk Seaport Association. At the aquarium, visitors have the opportunity to observe all of the creatures of Long Island Sound in their natural habitat. Long Island Sound, which is an estuary, has the largest temperature gradient of any salt water body in the world. In addition to seals, fish, sharks, penguins, and many other wildlife creatures, the aquarium also has an IMAX theatre. Throughout the year over 500,000 people visit the aquarium and over 80,000 students go to the aquarium on field trips every year.**

**See you Friday at Marly's .....Carol.**